

SECRET

14 November 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Phone Call from John Lehman, of Dr. Kissinger's Staff,
Re Director's Possible Appearance Before Symington
Subcommittee on 17 November 1969

1. This morning I called Mr. Lehman in response to his call to the Director's office inquiring about the ground rules governing the Director's 28 October appearance before the Symington Subcommittee on U.S. Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad.

2. Mr. Lehman said he understood the Director was scheduled to appear, jointly with Ambassador Unger, before the Symington Subcommittee on Monday, 17 November. He said this raised a problem, since the Subcommittee presumably intended to "take what the Director says and bounce it off Unger" so as to get it in the public record.

3. I said I didn't know that the Director's appearance had been scheduled and asked if this was firm. Mr. Lehman said it apparently hadn't been checked out with Senator Fulbright but he thought this was the plan, although it might slip until Tuesday.

4. In response to Mr. Lehman's question about the ground rules of the Director's earlier appearance, I said they had been worked out between the Director and Symington as follows:

25X1A

a. Although [] had been brought back from Vientiane at the Subcommittee's request, he was not to be called as a witness but would be present in the event the Director wished to refer questions to him.

SECRET

ERC, 8/15/2003

SECRET

b. Only a single, classified transcript was to be made which was to remain in the custody of the Agency and be made available on call to the Subcommittee members and staff.

c. None of the Director's testimony was to be made public.

d. The only other Agency officer present was myself who took no part in the discussion.

5. Mr. Lehman asked what Subcommittee staff personnel were present and seemed surprised when I replied that Messrs. Marcy, Holt, Kuhl, Pincus and Paul were all present for some or all of the hearing.

6. Mr. Lehman said that these ground rules were in accord with White House wishes and should in no circumstances be relaxed. He said that Unger would be clearly instructed to observe them during his participation.

7. In conclusion Mr. Lehman said that "if there is any question when you get there" regarding the ground rules we should immediately get in touch with Lehman or General Haig.

25X1A

JOHN M. MAURY
Legislative Counsel

SECRET